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Viewing cable 91LIMA7182, A SUMMARY OF RECENT ESTIMATES OF SENDERO

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
91LIMA7182	1991-05-30 23:11	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Lima

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P 302311Z MAY 91
FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8453
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ
AMEMBASSY QUITO
USAFSO HOWARD AFB
USCINCSO QUARRY HTS PM
USMISSION GENEVA 1744
DIA WASHDC

S E C R E T LIMA 07182

DIA FOR OA-5/OS-1D/DB-612/JSI-4B/DB-3C1

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: [PTER](#) [PGOV](#) [PINR](#) [PE](#)
SUBJECT: A SUMMARY OF RECENT ESTIMATES OF SENDERO
LUMINOSO STRENGTH

REF: 90 LIMA 12787

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id: 457
date: 5/30/1991 23:11

refid: 91LIMA7182
origin: Embassy Lima
classification: SECRET
destination: 90LIMA12787
header:
P 302311Z MAY 91
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¶1. (S/NF/NC/ORCON) IN THE PAST 10 MONTHS EMBASSY LIMA HAS REPORTED THREE ESTIMATES OF THE CADRE AND SUPPORT STRENGTH OF SENDERO LUMINOSO. FOR EASE OF COMPARISON WE REPEAT HERE THE DATA FROM THE THREE SOURCES.

-	SOURCE 1	SOURCE 2	SOURCE 3
PEOPLE'S ARMY (EGP)	2,000	1,133	2,984
LOCAL MILITIA	3,000 - 5,000	4,125	2,059
FRONT GROUPS AND	17,000	N/A	3,111
SYMPATHIZERS		N/A	21,000

¶2. (S/NF/NC/ORCON) SOURCE ONE IS A RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER, NOW LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. IN FEBRUARY 1990 HE POLLED THE THREE MILITARY AND THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ON THEIR ESTIMATES OF SL STRENGTH AND DERIVED WHAT HE JUDGED TO BE AN APPROXIMATE AVERAGE OF THE FOUR SERVICE ESTIMATES. SOURCE TWO IS AN 1991 MILITARY ESTIMATE REPORTED BY PICA (HDL-16640). SOURCE THREE IS A JANUARY 1991 POLICE SUMMARY OF SL DATA SEIZED DURING RECENT RAIDS AGAINST SL SAFE HOUSES. THE POLICE CLAIM THEIR NUMBERS REPRESENT SL'S ESTIMATE OF ITS OWN STRENGTH.

¶3. (C) SOURCE THREE INCLUDES TWO OTHER CATEGORIES NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN SOURCES ONE AND TWO.

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP	1,000 (MANY IN PRISON)
THE "E.G.P" - SOLDIERS UNDER PERMANENT ARMS	2,500
MILITIA - TRAINED BUT NOT UNDER PERMANENT ARMS, PEOPLES COMMITTEES	2,000

NON-ARMED SUPPORTERS, FRONT
GROUPS, ETC. 3,000 (MANY IN PRISON)

SYMPATHIZERS AND "INFLUENCED
MASSES: UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
LIBERATED VILLAGERS, ETC. 20,000 - 60,000

16. (C) WE ARE CURRENTLY COMPILING COMPARABLE DATA ON
THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. AS THE
ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE TELL US, THIS IS MUCH HARDER
DATA TO COME BY BECAUSE THE POLICE BEGAN WORK ON THE
"MRTA PROBLEM" ONLY UNDER THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT.
WE HOPE TO SEND ALONG SOME ESTIMATES OF MRTA CADRE
STRENGTH IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

QUAINTON

=====CABLE ENDS=====